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Knights take title for the third time

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Once, twice, three times a champion.

For the third year in a row, the Niagara College Knights men's hockey team can once again claim to being the best team in the International Collegiate Hockey League after beating the Buffalo State Bengals 5-3 in the championship game held last Sunday in Buffalo, N.Y.

The Knights' season record was 9-6-1 totalling 19 points overall, 10 points behind league leader Penn State.

Back in September and October when tryouts and exhibition games were played, the team went 4-0. In November, the team went 3-2. In December, they were 1-1. January's record was 2-2-1. Last month, the team went 4-1 and played its best hockey of the season.

Now everything the team played so hard for all season was coming down to just 60 minutes.

But the team's first test came Saturday night when Niagara defeated its arch-rival Conestoga College from Kitchener 7-3.

On Sunday, the Knights beat the home town Buffalo State Bengals 5-3.

Just 45 seconds into the first period, Knights' winger Jim Thorpe, on a Sean Wallington pass, scored the opening goal for his team. The few Knights' fans in attendance cheered loudly at their team's goal.

With 13:42 remaining in the first period, the Bengals tied the game at one.

Almost four minutes later, Cam Houle put the Knights ahead with assists by Mike Dakin and Kent Loach.

The period ended with the Knights leading, 2-1.

During the second period, the Knights laid back and the Bengals tied the game at two.

In the third period, the Knights took control.

With 9:35 remaining in the period, Jason Disher combined with Thorpe and Wallington to put the Knights ahead by one.

Just over one minute later, the American team tied the game up at three.

Loach put the Knights ahead for good with 6:51 remaining when he went to the net after a pass from Simon Wayda and Houle.

Rick Ryan put the game out of reach by scoring an empty net goal with just 16 seconds left.

Knights' goalie Mike Ticknovich played an outstanding game, facing 27 shots on net.

After the game, Knights' coach Fred Bassi said his team "played well."

"They played disciplined. They were composed. They showed class and I'm proud of them. We won our last five games in a row. It's going to be hard to repeat next year."

Knights captain Loach said he "couldn't complain" with the win.

"Ticknovich was amazing. Wayda played well. Everybody played well. Our defence was good."

Thorpe echoed Loach's sentiments on his team's goalie.

"Mike Ticknovich played well. It was a good victory. Everyone worked hard and we deserved it. We were sucking up the cheap shots to stay in the game."

Assistant Knights' captain John Savarie was also happy with the win.

"We came out strong in the first. In the second period, we backed down. The third period was ours. We kept dumping the puck to kill time."

Many of the Knights were impressed with the Bengals' play.

"They're an improved hockey team but we came out to play today," said Rob Lebedick.

"I'm happy we won. Buffalo State played well. They beat up Penn State and gave us a good go," said Zimmerman.

"They're one team we couldn't take lightly," said Mike Duerden.

Most of the Knights were just happy to win the game.

Houle said the team "bared down and played with heart and desire."

Dakin and Andrew Clark were glad the team won and thought they played well.

On Saturday, Knights' goalie Ticknovich played another outstanding game stopping shot after shot against Conestoga College. His strong play propelled the team's victory in both games.

Sluurrpp!

The Student Administration Council held Wintercourse 1992 Feb. 17 to Feb. 21. Wintercourse is a week full of activities designed to boost school spirit. About 25 Niagara College students participated in the annual polar bear dip at Lake Gibson. Stew Demers won a sweatshirt for being the first into the icy lake, Vittoria Piro won a sweatshirt for being the last out of the frigid waters. In a jello eating event, participants were hesistant but about 10 students slurped away at the dessert using only their mouths. Sweatshirts were awarded to Mike Wismer and Aldo Nava for slurping the fastest. Shown are two jello eating contestants up to their ears in goop.

Photo by Sue Johnson

Come, join us at open house

By ABIGAIL KELLY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's open house is set for Sunday, April 5, in all buildings of the Welland campus except Hennepin Hall.

All programs, including those offered at other campuses, will be displayed, while certain programs such as Business and Interior Design will hold their orientation sessions during the open house. Faculty and students will be on hand to meet new students, while visitors can tour campus facilities.

For interested participants in the Fastest Fingers in the Peninsula typing contest, practice rooms will be set up and the contest prizes will be displayed.

The college bookstore, the computer store and the fashion boutique will be open for business.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls has donated a cake commemorating the college's 25th anniversary. Visitors to the Welland campus may enjoy a piece of the cake while listening to the Sunburst Steel Band.

The open house will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Longhouse spring ceremonies

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

Spring officially arrived today at 3:48 a.m., despite the snow-covered ground.

Ontario's Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, whose reserve is near Brantford, recently finished their spring or mid-winter ceremonies giving thanks to the Creator for another spring.

The ceremonies, which began in mid-February and continued until the first week of March, are held in the Longhouses of the individual nations.

The ceremonies and the ceremonial dances are sacred and individuals who are not of the Longhouse belief are not allowed to participate.

The Great Law, a set of rules given to the Six Nations by the Creator, is recited during the ceremonies in the individual languages of the Longhouses.

"Nothing is recited in English," said Harry Hill, youth co-ordinator for the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. "By not using English, it allows the young people to learn their native tongues."

Also at this time, young children are given their Indian names by their clan mothers.

Each nation has different clans such as the wolf, bear or turtle clan and each clan is headed by a clan mother.

People of the Longhouse keep their Indian names until death when the name is returned to the clan and may be used again.

Clan mothers traditionally memorize a list of clan names, although most of the names are now written.

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Economy examined

Welland discusses Canada's future

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College's input "may help refurbish and refocus the educational system of the country," says George Repar, the college's director of Ventures who spoke at a federally-sponsored event in Welland examining the economic future of Canada.

The meeting at Centennial Secondary School was a joint federal initiative of the departments of Employment and Immigration and Industry, Science Technology and Trade. About 75 people attended the meeting on Feb. 26 entitled Community Talks.

Ms. Purves instructed participants to discuss 'Welland issues relevant to competitiveness and learning...'

Operating on a $2.5-million budget, the Toronto firm of Pamela Purves and Associates is organizing similar community sessions across Ontario to generate and forward remarks from citizens to the the two federal ministers.

Ms. Purves said Welland was the 23rd stop of 42 such economic discussion sessions taking place in south and west Ontario. A total of 175 similar events will be held throughout the country.

The results of each session will be compiled and forwarded immediately to Ottawa, she said.

Niagara College, although named a co-sponsor along with the City of Welland and the Welland Chamber of Commerce, officiated only in the capacity of an opening remark by Mr. Repar. He acted equally with other individuals who were divided into eight groups of about 10 people for 2 1/2-hour discussions organizers hoped would generate ideas expressing common economic trends, needs and shortcomings.

"We hope to send an important and clear message to the federal authorities about the educational significance of the community colleges in this area and this country," Mr. Repar said.

"Our group generated a number of comments on the role of colleges," he said, including updating job skills, developing national educational standards and creating inter-provincial recognition of academic credits and skills.

GEORGE REPAR

Ms. Purves said viewpoints gathered at the talks and sent to Ottawa have already echoed the voices of ordinary people through specific items which were mentioned in the Feb. 24 federal budget, including research and development grants, tax changes, support for small business and defence cuts.

She said the finance minister's decisions reflected the input from events such as Community Talks. "These sessions are working," she said.

Hired by the federal government last year to conduct public consultations, her group included a camera crew which filmed a documentary for educational purposes. As moderator, she instructed participants to discuss "Welland issues relevant to competitiveness and learning . . . for address to the federal government."

'This is a unique situation because it's for us to speak and for the government to listen.' Pamela Purves

"This is a unique situation because it's for us to speak and for the government to listen," she said.

National unity, business and industrial growth free of government interference, research and development and more investment in new technology were a few of the popular topics discussed during the group sessions.

Mr. Repar said the six-hour meeting was useful to him and the college "in generating ideas of how we can be more competitive . . . and what education does to fulfil that role."

Cheese a 'living thing'

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

In the tradition of a world-class hotel dining room, the college's Hospitality and Tourism campus in Niagara Falls had it all for a special day on March 1. There was plush carpeting, linen tableclothes, fine china, gleaming cutlery, wine and cheese - plenty of cheese.

That was the setting in the Kerrio Room for a day-long Sunday cheese celebration featuring a cheese expert who lectured about all there was to know about cheese. The event was hosted by Niagara College with the assistance of development officer Barbara Fonfara and director David Davies.

Ms. Fonfara said more than 20 invited chefs, restaurateurs and college retirees came to savor cheeses, and soak up the widsom of London native Hilary Alderson. Her knowledge of cheese and how the common delicacy mixes with wine goes beyond the shopping list into the realm of history, etiquette and culinary art.

Mr. Davies said the Sunday cheese and wine party was a chance for local connoisseurs to enjoy and learn.

Ms. Alderson panned Canadian 'sterility' in cheese production.

The Kerrio Room, the centre's attractive formal dining room, and its plush atmosphere seemed like an odd place to slice cheese until Ms. Alderson unveiled new worlds beyond the commonly-known cheese horizon.

"Cheese is just curdled milk," she said, but added "2,000 to 3,000 varieties worldwide are made from the milk of 'any female mammal', including human milk in eras past."

Exotic and expensive cheeses representative of historically important European cheese countries such as England, France, Switzerland and Italy were placed at each table, labelled and ready for tasting. But not before a crisp and informative lecture was delivered by Ms. Alderson about each variety's history, its place in culinary etiquette and how to use when cooking.

Describing fondue as an "elegant art", Ms. Alderson scolded Mr. Davies for committing a cardinal cheese-cooking sin: allowing the cheese, corn starch and brandy concoction in the fondue pot to boil.

"Once it boils, you cannot rescusitate it," she said.

'You must keep your cheese in mint condition...' Hilary Alderson

Outlining which cheese to use at any given point during a full-course meal, the Calcutta-born, self-employed culinary specialist stressed "elegance" as a main ingredient of cheese preparation and consumption.

"Cheese must be handled as a living thing."

And so it is.

Cheese bacteria, the key to transforming milk-curd into the finished product, "is the same bacteria as grows in the damp, dark places of our bodies," she said.

"That's why people find cheese so exciting and others find it abhorrent," she added.

But she saved the scene, and possibly the guests' stomachs, from imminent chaos.

"Cheeses will never become bad so they will harm you . . . nature has kindly created those friendly bacteria."

She elaborated extensively on the cheese-making processes in the traditional European setting and later outlined the "innumerable permutations" possible combining the tastes and bouquets of 14 Niagara wines with 12 exotic cheeses. However, she panned Canadian "sterility" in cheese production, which "degrades the cheese."

Ms. Alderson offered a list of modern tips for acquiring, storing, serving and cooking with cheese and wine, and left a strong sense of animated reverence about cheese.

"You must keep your cheese in mint condition — or it's like the difference between serving tomatoes in March and serving tomatoes in September."

Articulation agreements

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

Articulation agreements for business and hospitality programs at Niagara College and Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y., were made Feb. 10 at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls.

A formal or "blanket" text agreement will be ready at the end of May, David Schleich, vice-president academics, said. The agreements will likely be signed in the spring for Niagara College students to gain access to degree programs across the border in the areas of human resource management, marketing, operations management, transportation, information systems, travel and tourism, and hotel and restaurant management, for credits toward diploma programs at Niagara College.

Mr. Schleich said business directors, Dr. Praetzel, and Andy Ferguson, have started discussions about which courses will be given automatic exemption in the university's degree programs. "The follow up was excellent. The meeting went very positively."

Don't sell land: Forestell

Land sales and the proposed St. Catharines campus development were two concerns Niagara College's first board chairman Judge Paul Forestell voiced shortly after hearing the master plan at a special Board of Governors meeting March 10.

Judge Forestell said his first concern was moving the centre of the college away from Welland into St. Catharines. "The college was founded to be in Welland with satellites (campuses) in other communities."

Secondly, he said,"I am opposed to the sales of any of the land that is owned on this campus... we have no idea when we will need more land."

The master plan is a document outlining long-range goals over the next two decades for the development of a new St. Catharines campus, re-development of academic priorities and physical changes to some campuses. The new St. Catharines campus would encompass all current satellite campuses. Estimated cost of proposed goals is $20 to $30 million.

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Barnes Security wins contract

Campus safety in experienced hands

By DOUG MORTON
and JASON DARRAH
Staff Writers

After serving Niagara College for 25 years, Ensign Security has lost its college contract to Barnes Security of Hamilton.

The college's administrative affairs committee approved a new three-year contract at last week's board of governors meeting after Barnes Security submitted the lowest tender. The new contract begins April 1.

"The college has had some problems with the existing security company," said committee chairman and board member Otto Urbanovics. He did not elaborate. Instead, he reported "for $20,000 less, we receive a better security package where the service is equal to or better than Ensign's ... that is my justification. Barnes has better trained people."

"Basically it came down to money," said Linda Maidens, the college's buildings operations supervisor. "This was the deciding factor - along with a mindset big on training - and, they had the lowest bid."

She said it was bad policy to stay with the same company for more than 20 years because the reason for having the contract could shift from quality security to mere patronage.

"It is unfortunate we are leaving Ensign though, there are some really great guards here," she added.

The contract loss presented an unfortunate situation for both Ensign and some of the gaurds, who fear losing their jobs, said an Ensign guard who wished to remain anonymous. He said Niagara College was Ensign's biggest contract.

Ensign security guards have been invited to apply with Barnes, but they must meet the company's requirements to be hired.

Ensign Security has withdrawn a $3,000 donation made to the second annual Niagara College Invitational Golf Tournament, a college fundraiser scheduled for May 21. In turn, Barnes Security has offered to donate the $3,000.

Contract includes surveillance unit, security vehicle

When the new contract begins, the number of security guards will not be reduced, and each guard will be equipped with new portable radios.

Ms. Maidens said the factors which helped the college award Barnes the contract included more guard supervision, higher specifications guards must meet and incentives for guards to increase their training in areas like non-violent crisis intervention. In general, they are more experienced, she said, adding that Barnes often hires former police officers.

Ensign pays its guards the $6-an-hour minimum wage while Barnes guards earn $8 an hour or more, depending on their experience.

A second stage in the new contract agreement will bring a surveillance system to campus, "hopefully before September" with cameras and alarms monitoring most buildings, which Ms. Maidens said will provide better coverage.

A deal is in the works for the purchase of a college-owned vehicle for security patrol.

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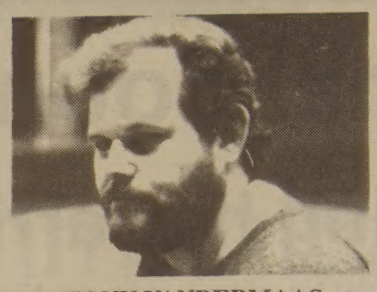

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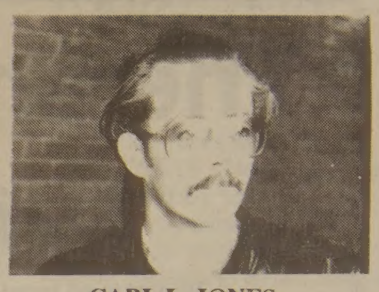


CARL L. JONES

Vote for student governor Monday

On the campaign trail

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

They're off and running.

This year's campaign for student governor involves three nominees, including two business administration students and one educational resources and special needs student.

The three candidates have spent the past week campaigning, preparing for Monday's college-wide election.

So far, the three first-year students are using the same basic campaign method of meeting with students and putting campaign posters on the walls throughout the college.

The three candidates are: Tony Vandermass, 38, of Thorold, Carl L. Jones, 35, of Welland and Mike Barnes, 36, of Tillsonburg.

After weeks of preparation, Mr. Vandermass' main strategy has been one of self-introduction "at every opportunity," including bookmarker distribution trips throughout the college.

"I tell students why it's important to vote for the student governor and what the board of governors does ... wherever I meet them," he said.

Mr. Vandermass, a business student, said he has experience on numerous boards and committees, including the Red Cross board of governors and on the executive of the Niagara College Non-Traditional Students' Association. He said he wants "to get the best possible representation for the students at the board level."

The main thrust of Mr. Jones' campaign is "to raise the students' awareness of the importance of the governor's position."

"I offer a clear voice on student issues," he said. His campaign centres on poster distribution and discussions with groups of students. "I'll represent the student body and voice their concerns about important upcoming issues. I feel the administration is willing to listen," said Mr. Jones, an educational resources student.

"The student governor is given an opportunity for vital educational experience," said Mr. Barnes, a business student.

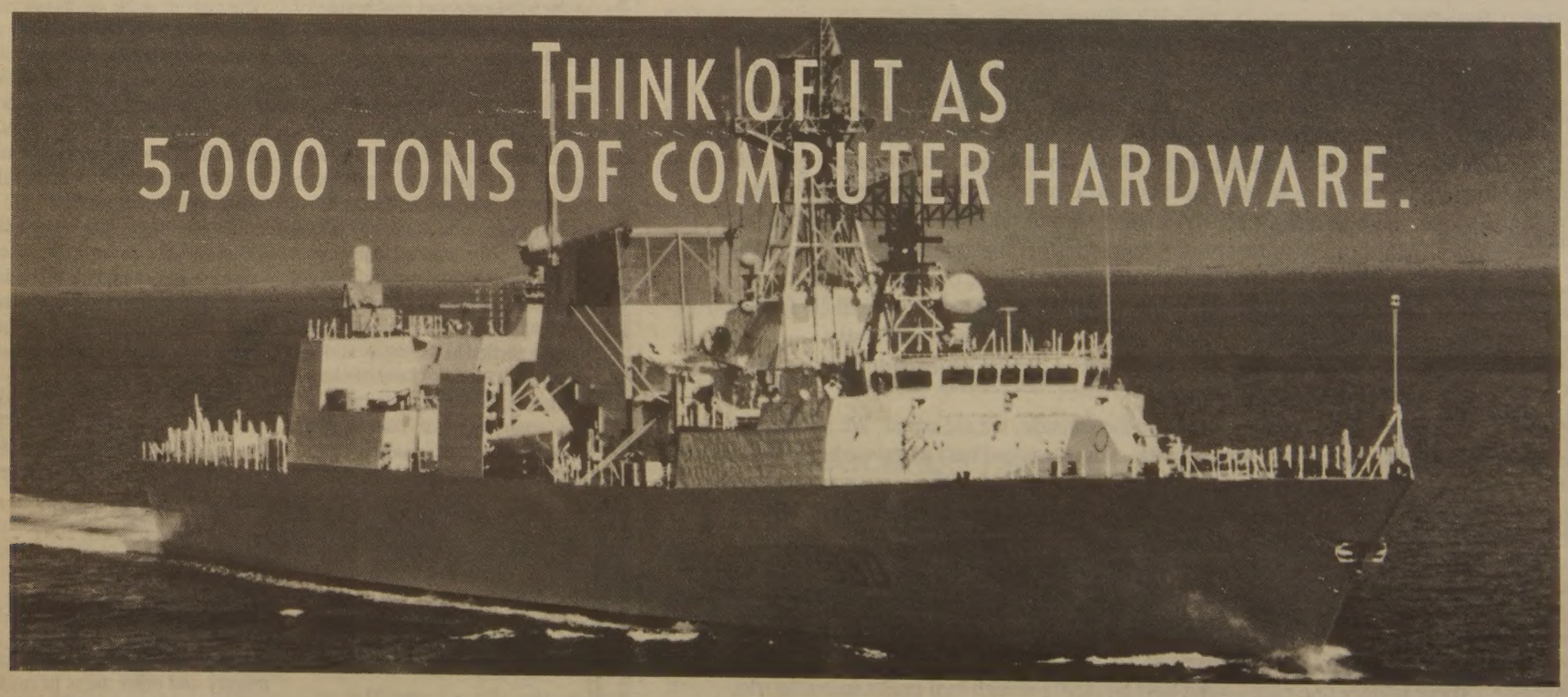
The accelerated-studies student is a former high school student council president. "Learning the administrative structure of the college and being part of the process would give me the opportunity to improve conditions for the students," he said.

"I have a good group of friends helping me ... I've been shaking plenty of hands, meeting many students," he said.

Last year's poor voter turnout represented just four per cent of the eligible student body.

All three candidates are hopeful their campaigns will attract a better voter turnout on Monday.

Voting is slated at all five college campuses on Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for day students and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Hennepin Hall for night students. Ballots will be counted Tuesday in the office of the board of governors.



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Editorials

The final countdown

Spring has arrived

Winter is no more! At last, spring is in the air! Niagara College students are becoming more blissful as the notion birds will soon be singing, the flowers will be blooming, and another season of Blue Jay baseball is near.

Today is when Niagara College students roll out of bed fantasizing about the days ahead. Spring has been synonymous with the school semester's pending end. They visualize days of no school books or homework assignments. So, with squinting eyes, they draw back the bedroom curtains anxiously waiting to breathe the fresh scents of spring. It's great to be Canadian, eh?

Students briskly inhale their first breath of the new season, but are rudely brought back to earth with a nose full of snow. They have experienced the worst shock known to the Niagara region: Welland weather!

In reality, the worst nightmare for a typical college student is the thought of having to deal with the atrocious Canadian weather conditions after a week-long vacation of partying, partying, and more partying in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida. The sun, surf, and sand creates euphoria, but typical Welland weather this time of the year is dreadful.

Talk throughout the hallways centres on students' guestimation of the earliest time appropriate to break out the jean shorts and sun tan lotion.

But now, students can study for tests and prepare for labs in the comfort of knowing bearable weather is only a few weeks away.

Teachers, be forewarned soon your students won't be smiling because they are magically enjoying your classes. Let the countdown to April 30 begin.

Kari Chwieczak

Only one race rules the world

We're all part of the human race

The Jeopardy! daily double answer is: Equality. The question is: What do all people have in common?

Are we returning to the age where people believed that one was better than the other?

Is the doctor who drives his red Ferrari to his plush downtown Toronto office and collects an annual salary of more than $100,000 better than the indebted ditch digger who drives an old pickup truck to his employment? Is the white man with six children better than the black man with six children? Is the girl with $80 jeans, a $120 shirt, and $150 cowboy boots better than the girl who bought her outfit at K Mart for the total price of $40? Is the skinny girl better than the overweight girl? Are students who pay for their own education better than those who receive student loans? Is the student with a university degree better than the student with a college degree, or even smarter?

They don't care if their playmates' fathers drive fancy cars, if their friends wear deluxe Pampers, or whether their brothers went to university.

A friend is someone you can trust. So why did the white daddy tell his child not to play with his Chinese friend?

Although we all look different on the outside, we are equal. We all breathe the same air, bleed red blood, cry the same tears and hurt when we get injured. We all are prone to the same diseases, and we all end up the same way — dead.

Society brainwashes people into believing we are not equal. Although we try to change this way of thinking, it will never happen.

The hurtful words or disapproving glances can cause an inferiority complex in people. A person who feels inferior can completely shut themselves off from the rest of the world. This is not fair. We must work together to make each person feel happy with themselves.

There is only one race — the human race. Enough evil exists in our world, and we must stop fighting one another and start working together as equals.

Evil is not one another, but AIDS, drugs, poverty and war.

We are all on the same team, and we hope it can be the winning team.

Next time you are walking down the hall, look at the person opposite you, you might just see yourself.

Tara Grigg

Letters to the Editor

Seeking future trainers

Dear Editor:

The Canadian Mental Health Association of St. Catharines and District is a non-profit organization serving the area of St. Catharines and surrounding communities. Our Techniques in Listening and Communication course is suitable for anyone wishing to improve and expand on their existing communication skills. Material learned and practiced in the course applies to family, work and social situations.

We are currently preparing another session of this very popular course. As always, this course is open to the public but we are specifically looking for future trainers of the course. The course will begin on March 24 and run Wednesday evenings until May 6.

People interested in becoming trainers for this course can call 416-641-5222 for more information.

Sincerely,
Tammy Luciow
Program Worker

Campus bar affects education

Dear Editor:

I read with interest a short article in the Jan. 31, 1992 edition of the Niagara News about an LLBO-licenced establishment on campus serving alcohol during regular working hours. (Booze boosts jobs).

I would like to know how much Ontario Students Assistance Program money is being swilled.

Surely I would not expect anyone on the staff of the News to be so naive to think money earmarked for education, housing, and at least a minimal lifestyle of luxury is not being spent in the bars around the Niagara Peninsula. And, by extension, one would also be forced to agree some of the OSAP money is being spent at After Hours.

As a graduate of a community college, I know alcohol is a very important part of the socialization process at post-secondary educational institutions and would expect Niagara College to be no different. As a person well-versed in the art of pounding back a few (dozen) Molson on many occasions, I am aware of the seductive effects of booze and the related drain on the bank account. Now, as a wage-earning, tax-paying adult citizen, I can do so without guilt.

I am incensed that this establishment be allowed on Niagara College property, that students be encouraged to drink during school hours, and that liquid lunches are quite popular. I'd like to know how many students are so wazooed by the time late afternoon class begins that nothing gets done. A mere couple of drinks does the trick. Also, I'd like to know how many staff (faculty and otherwise) imbibe at work.

If my hunch is correct, I would continue to ask, what's wrong with the education system in Ontario?

Mike Cloutier
Crystal Beach, Ont.

Editor's Note: By a directive from Niagara College President John Saso faculty and staff are requested not to patronize After Hours until the close of the work day at 4:30 p.m.

Walk service not appreciated

Dear Editor:

On Thursday, Feb. 20, I was in the library until it closed. I stopped at the mini cafe and grabbed a coffee before leaving.

When I left I noticed two Law and Security program students walking down the hall towards me. I said, "Hi" and started to talk to them and asked what they were doing. They said they were part of Car Walk Service and I asked how the program was doing. They told me they only walked one person to their car on that particular night.

The one Law and Security student said she was at the Mack Centre earlier in the week and told me that girls walked out of class to leave and all they did was talk about how funny the Car Walk students looked and when asked if they wanted an escort to their car they declined.

After more conversation I asked the girls to walk me to my car and they did. On their way back a female student walked out of the school and they asked if she wanted a walk to her car. She replied no, that her car was not far away. I thought I'd stay and see where the student walked to but she disappeared from my sight.

I'm writing to the Niagara News to say that I believe the program was needed and is a good idea. I would also like to thank Shannon and Karen for being so nice and for taking their job seriously.

Dale Deloughery
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Focus

Meet the board

Members reflect community

First native governor

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

A 50-year-old Fort Erie resident is the first native to serve on Niagara College's board of governors.

Verna Hill, a grandmother who teaches elementary school in Buffalo, N.Y. is an articulate and soft-spoken woman.

She said self-esteem is "an important factor" in determining a person's success in life.

A Mohawk from the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont., Mrs. Hill has lived in Fort Erie for the past 12 years. She is married with three grown children.

One of the founding presidents of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Mrs. Hill taught primary Mohawk to the centre's children and worked as a volunteer with the L'Beavers group. She also conducted math tutorials with various groups at the centre.

Her husband, Wayne Hill, is the centre's executive director.

VERNA HILL
a cultural resource specialist teaching Iroquois culture to native and non-native students from kindergarten to Grade 12. She was also a curriculum media specialist for a bilingual program.

"...I knew what I wanted to do and I was committed to that goal."

Mrs. Hill holds BSc and an MSc in Education from the New York University College at Buffalo, N.Y. She was one of 53 students out of 2,062 to graduate Magna cum laudi with her BSc in Education, said the secretary of the budget and information services at the New York University College at Buffalo.

Mrs. Hill submitted her application for a position as a volunteer on the board of governors because she likes the direction college president John Saso is taking Niagara and because many of the college's students come from Fort Erie. She also sought a position on the board of governors because of her interest in education. "Education has been an important factor in my life."

Mrs. Hill said she believes in the co-operative education program because a classroom situation does not compare to the real world. "It is better all round for the student and employee," she said.

Her goals while on the board of governors include ensuring the college fufils the needs all students, "especially during the present recession, by looking at the curriculum and making necessary changes to keep pace with the times."

"It would be a waste of students' time to attend the college if the courses were outdated and not in tune with business," she said.

Mrs. Hill has worked with a federal program in New York state as "I found the non-native children were made more aware of their own cultures, their own backgrounds through the teaching of Iroquois culture," she said.

Prior to her educational career, Mrs. Hill worked as an office clerk and trained new employees. It was during her training of new employees she realized her love of teaching and decided to pursue a career as a teacher.

"The time was right for me to further my education because two of my children had left home. I was nervous when I first attended classes because I thought I was too old to return to school. I also thought I might fail, but I did very well. At that point, I knew what I wanted to do and I was committed to that goal."

Mrs. Hill was asked by the board of governors to help with the implentation of a special committee designed to serve the academic and social needs of native students. The committee, which is still in the planning stages, will act as a liaison for the college and native students.

"I hope I can help to assist students, in a small way, in their future endeavors," she said in a message to all students.

In a personal message to the college's native students, she stated: "Feel comfortable about yourself and who you are."

Financial expertise

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

The financial future of Niagara College and its master plan are two important issues to be faced by the college's Board of Governors, says a newly appointed member of the board.

Although "struggling to get up to speed with these college concerns," Rick Bassett, a 40-year-old St. Catharines chartered accountant, comes equipped to help with the college's expansion plans and its changing financial support pattern.

"The hottest issue now is the whole arena of the master plan as a realignment of the college's facilities and resources," he said.

"With my expertise in money matters, I hope I can help shed some light on the current business-and-finance affairs now facing the board."

Mr. Bassett works in the Welland office of the accounting firm of Durward-Jones-Barkwell and Co. As a partner and the firm's tax expert, his accounting experience of 12 years won't be wasted as a volunteer on the board.

Following his Jan. 1 appointment, Mr. Bassett was soon named to chair the ad hoc property committee, a sub-committee charged with choosing the new site for the proposed multi-million dollar St. Catharines campus. Another appointment soon followed, to the audit review committee, which evaluates the college's financial statements.

Mr. Bassett said the appointments are a natural extension for his talents.

RICK BASSETT

"It's going to be tough financially. Obviously, the Ministry (of Colleges and Universities) no longer has abundant resources to spread around. We must work in an area of limited financial resources to provide the kind of education needed for these changing economic times ... this is our biggest challenge."

The Brock University economics graduate said the traditional college/government funding relationship is changing to reflect the changing economic picture in Ontario.

"It's a tall order to adapt to these changes, but Niagara College must try to ensure the training structure exists to meet future demands ... as dictated by evolving economic conditions."

"We must work in an area of limited financial resources to provide the kind of education needed."

"Some of these affairs will need budgeting and financing: I see that as my role."

Married with two children, Mr. Bassett lives with his wife, Sheri, and two boys, Ryan, 10, and Brandon, 8, in St. Catharines, staying fit and active in the community through sports and various associations. He is a Cub Scout leader and both his sons are Cubs.

A main concern facing the board — college funding — plays an important role in forming Mr. Bassett's developing attitude about college affairs, he said.

Mr. Bassett is one of five new governors appointed in January, each representing a different specialty field in the Niagara community. The college relies on the governors' diverse expertise to help administer and set college policy.

He begins his first - of a maximum two - three-year terms.

Chosen from a college master list of potential board members, Mr. Bassett said accepting the position was "just taking the bull by the horns."

"I feel it is extremely important to get involved in the community ... to meet a new kind of challenge."

Letters to the editor

Red Cross more than blood bank

Dear Editor:

March is Red Cross Month.

Red Cross! It's blood donor clinics. Yes, indeed, and much more.

It's the organization:

* that puts observers in the fields during conflicts to ensure that the Geneva Conventions are being observed;

* that provided emergency relief in flood and famine, earthquake and hurricane around the world;

* that provides a tracing and reunion service to bring families back together;

* that keeps a bone marrow registry;

* that provides first aid and water safety courses;

* that gives assistance to seniors;

* that lends out wheelchairs, crutches, raised toilet seats and other sickroom equipment free of charge to patients recuperating at home;

* that provides a homecare service to the sick and elderly;

* that conducts a creations program in which volunteers knit and make other crafts, the proceeds going to Third World development;

* that provides assistance in local emergencies, such as requests for temporary housing, food and formula.

The Red Cross touches people's lives in all parts of the world as well as right here in our communities of Welland/Pelham. The need for assistance grows. And so does the need for your support.

We are a United Way agency, but we do not receive full funding. We need your contribution to keep "Red Cross Ready", so we can help "When Help is Needed".

Please help us to help. Send or deliver donations to the Canadian Red Cross, 593 King St., Welland, L3B 3L3 or Unit 3, 508 Steele St., Port Colborne, L3K 6A7.

Sincerely,
W. Gordon Rivers
President Welland
Mary Chiasson
President
Port Colborne Branch

Corrections

The Niagara News extends an apology to all personnel of Versa Foods, particularly the food servers, for comments printed in a letter to the editor in the Feb. 14, 1992 edition on page 5. These comments were later found to be erroneous and without foundation.

We apologize for any embarrassment or inconvenience experienced as a result of the publication.

Honor roll notices are sent out at the end of each academic term, Sandy Cottrell, "keeper of official transcripts" in the registrar's office, has informed us.

She was clarifying information in a report published Friday, Feb. 21, 1992 on page 8 of the Niagara News headlined "Niagara College honors its finest."

The honor roll is determined for each term with letters sent at term-end not in late spring, early summer or after the new year.

Darkness reigned

Electricity knocked out for an hour

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

Chilling, pouring rain. Reigning darkness. People trapped in elevators. Mass exodus from every building.

Niagara College experienced its major power outage on March 10 as did most of Welland, with faculty and students demonstrating cool heads and quick thinking.

At 8:30 a.m., at the start of morning classes, the entire college fell into darkness. Secretaries and students huddled in the halls, under back-up lights, and after a few rumors later, the word was that a truck had hit a main transformer downtown, knocking out the breakers to about 40 per cent of the city.

David Schleich, vice-president academics, could be seen pacing in his office, fielding calls to administrators, faculty and Ontario Hydro.

According to the college's emergency measures policy, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration, is responsible for official announcements about closing the school. When he is not available, Mr. Schleich makes the decision.

"We are telling instructors to cancel classes at their discretion if they have no windows in the room," Mr. Schleich said during the power failure. "But classrooms that have windows (Hennepin Hall) are light enough to continue class."

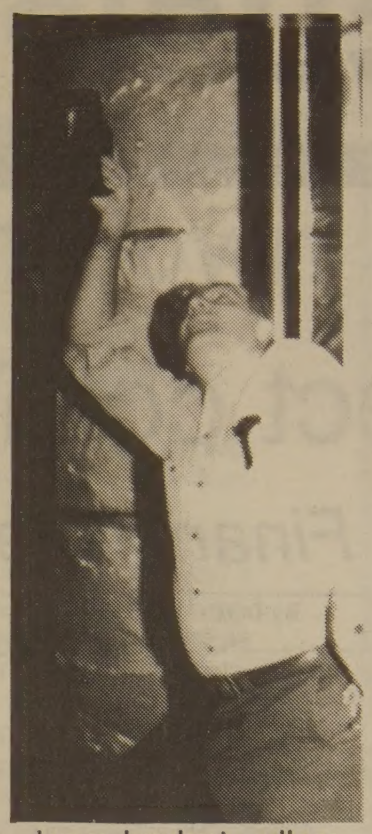
The school won't close unless the repairs by Ontario Hydro take more than an hour and a half, Mr. Schleich said. At 9 a.m., college administration still didn't know when electricity would be restored.

The entire college waited for official word that never came, because by 9:50 a.m., power was restored.

Mini-cafeteria staff began to sort change for purchases thrown at them while the registers were closed. Staff in the Continuing Education office blew out the candles shedding light on the phones and desks. Flashlights were returned to drawers.

And students and staff reluctantly mumbled and shuffled off to third period classes.

Elevator, student stuck 55 minutes



James Lambert, college maintance worker, attempts to free a female student who was trapped in an elevator for 55 minutes during the March 10 power failure in the Simcoe building at the Welland campus.
Photo by Diana Harris

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

When the power went out at the college on March 10, staff responded but the elevators didn't.

Glenn Heshka, a video production faculty member, said he was inspecting the halls in the Simcoe building, flashlight in hand, as soon as the power went out.

"After about 10 minutes, I could hear a pounding coming from the elevator doors on the first floor," he said. "And from the second floor, I could hear a voice."

Mr. Heshka summoned maintenance and security help and continued to talk to the female student in the elevator as they worked at getting the doors open.

"She was coming down from the third floor, and the elevator had only started to move when the power went out. She was quite calm and relaxed."

From the second floor, James Lambert, of college maintenance, told curious spectators they were having difficulty because a safety latch behind the doors needed to be freed.

"We might have to call in extra help," Mr. Lambert admitted when half an hour had passed. The Welland fire department had already been called.

Just then, another college worker came with a flat pole, an instrument which successfully loosed the latch.

After 55 minutes, the student was out. She quickly walked to a nearby room, a little shaken and flushed, but more embarrassed than anything.

Five minutes later, two officers from the Rescue Command Post arrived in a fire truck. They were responding to the call for help concerning the elevator, but also came to check the alarm system, which was still operational.

New smoking cop on patrol in Welland campus buildings

By JASON DARRAH, and BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writers

Niagara College is enforcing campus smoking bylaws more strictly, as security guard Tom Bond patrols the Welland campus looking for students and staff who smoke inside the buildings.

Niagara College hired the "smoking cop" last Monday in response to complaints about people smoking in building entrances, all of which have no smoking signs posted.

status. He said he aimed to make his presence known.

"We've been lenient especially because of the snow and returned cold this first week," Mr. Bond said. "The co-operation has been very good."

He targeted the Tecumseh Centre — Lundy, Voyageur, Merritt and Simcoe Wings as having almost all the infractions, compared with other buildings on campus.

Ms. Boettcher made it "very clear" for those who are unsure as to what constitutes being "outside" while smoking.

Niagara hired the smoking cop in response to complaints about smoking in building entrances

Mr. Bond, a former Metro-Toronto police constable, will ask violators for identification and will forward their names to administration. He is justified in asking for identification because Niagara College is private property.

People will be summoned to a mandatory meeting with college representatives after a first offence. A $50 fine will be levied on second offence and a $100 fine for a third offence. Any subsequent offences may be dealt with by suspension from college.

At a college council meeting last week, Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and health resources, said students who can't pay the fines will be required to work between two and five hours for the college, instead of the $50 fine, or five to eight hours in lieu of the $100 fine.

Ms. Boettcher said, "I don't anticipate we would have to get to that." She said she was confident students will comply and respect the wishes of non-smokers.

During his first week on the job, Mr. Bond cautioned people who infringed the smoke-free buildings

"The door must be closed and you must be on the other side of it," Ms. Boettcher said.

"I guess it's a question of balancing of rights. Second-hand smoke is unhealthy."

Ms. Boettcher said one of the main problems with smoking in college entrances is the second-hand smoke is drawn into the college's ventilation system and distributed throughout the building.

As for the cigarette butts thrown around the college grounds, Ms. Boettcher said some clean-up has already occurred and it's a matter of taking pride in where you work and go to school.

"It's disgusting. Would you do that in your living room? If you could just use some common courtesy and respect for the property," she said. She added she knows the majority of people at the college respect the rules.

In response to requests for a special smoking portable or perhaps an improvement in the college ventilation system be made, Ms. Boettcher said these are not immediate possibilities because of financial constraints facing the college.

Niagara expects record enrolment

College activity in retraining and registration is escalating at record levels

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

As Niagara Region reels from continuing unemployment, Niagara College is experiencing record enrolment figures.

Figures issued at the March Board of Governors meeting indicate present and future college activity in retraining and registration is escalating at record levels.

Both the fall and winter terms for full-time students for this academic year show dramatic increases of 26.9 per cent and 23.3 per cent respectively from the same period a year earlier.

Unemployed workers traditionally seek further education in times of recession to improve their skills and ride out stormy economic periods, as college registration records of the past several years indicate.

Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president of administration, is pleased with the enrolment figures. He said unprecedented numbers of applications are already in for the fall term.

"At this time we have already received 7,925 applications for next year," he said, adding the same figure wasn't reached last year until six months later.

Meanwhile, the college's Ventures Division, headed by vice-president Dan Patterson, announced increased efforts to help laid-off workers, particularly some of the 2,300 General Motors employees expected to lose their jobs through to 1995 after recent plant-closure announcements.

Mr. Patterson said Niagara College is offering retraining packages through partnerships with the provincial ministry of skills development. To assist 349 Niagara employers, the ministry has released $662,000.

"The college benefits by partnership with these employers by forming good community and working relationships with the economic forces in the region," he said.

College president John Saso said a labor adjustment team from Mr. Patterson's office has been involved in some recent plant layoffs, including at GM.

"The college has initiated retraining programs in conjunction with the CAW (Canadian Auto Workers) ... suggesting the college be the change route for training laid-off workers until 1995," Mr. Saso said.

Pay back for the college comes in the form of increased enrolment and extra government funding.

For its efforts, the college became eligible for a share of the $160-million provincial "mush fund," a special treasury board fund available to colleges and other government-funded bodies "to alleviate some of the pressures of the recession," Mr. Patterson said.

Mr. Saso said the college has asked for $3 million of the fund.

"We should hear by about mid-April. We should get our fair share ... of course we hope for $3 million, but we'll probably receive about $250,000," he said.

North America's oldest race runs Sunday in Hamilton

North America's oldest road race, the Around the Bay Road Race in Hamilton, takes place this Sunday, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The 98-year-old race is sponsored by The Hamilton Spectator.

The 30-kilometre run starts at York and Bay streets at Copps Coliseum and finishes at Sir John A. MacDonald High School.

Registration places from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sir John A. MacDonald High School, 130 York Blvd.

There is an open wheelchair category for men and women.

The entry fee is $22 Canadian or $18 American. For $10, T-shirts can be purchased on race day.

Award presentations will start at about 3 p.m. at Sir John A. MacDonald High School. Prizes range from $50 to $1,000.

Interview preparation key to successful job search

Be prepared to ask questions, and do your homework before you arrive

Editor's Note: This is the last in a four-part series on successful job search techniques.

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

The last step in finding a job is the interview.

"It is vital to be completely prepared for your interview. Never go to an interview and let nature take its course," said Janet Forfar, career services officer at Niagara College.

Researching a prospective employer is the first step in preparing for an interview. Students may obtain information about their prospective employers from current or previous employees or from a library, company publication or a campus job search centre.

After obtaining information, students should prepare a list of questions they will ask during their interviews. The questions may include the level of responsibility required in the job or the potential career path for someone in a starting position.

Prospective employers are usually impressed when students show an interest in their companies.

The Interview, the fourth booklet in the job search series, and co-authored by two Ryerson Polytechnical Institute job search counsellors, Nancy Trefiak and Rosemarie Volpe, contains many tips on interviews. The book is available in the college's Welland campus bookstore.

Physically going over the route to the interview the day before gives the student a better idea of the time and distance involved, said Ms. Forfar.

Students should be on time for their interview. "Find your own comfort zone and never be late," she said.

No matter what positions students are applying for, students should dress in a business-like manner. Males should wear a shirt, tie, jacket and pants in conservative colors, while females should dress conservatively — no extremes. Extreme refers to accessories, necklines and hemlines. In addition, men and women should not wear aftershave cologne or perfume.

"Absolutely no chewing gum," she said.

Feeling nervous prior to the interview is normal. Taking a tissue to wipe a sweaty palm is a good idea, said Ms. Forfar.

Students should greet their prospective employers with a firm handshake, a smile and direct eye contact.

A student may encounter several types of interviews such as the single interview, the series interview, the stress interview, the technical interview and the multiple persons interview.

The single interview only involves the student and the interviewer. The series interview involves a series of interviews, usually with a different interviewer at each interview.

The stress interview tests a student's coping abilities in a work situation and the technical interview determines a student's technical knowledge.

The multiple-person interview, which is becoming more common, involves two or more interviewers at the same time.

"Multiple persons interviews allows a group of company personnel to see how a prospective employee responds to certain questions," Ms. Forfar said.

Interviews usually start with an icebreaker, putting the student at ease, and proceed from there. During some interviews, students may be asked to describe how they would deal with a certain work scenario or they may be asked to give examples of their past accomplishments in a job or a program.

At the interview's conclusion, students should thank the interviewer, and ask, if the information is not volunteered, when they may contact the interviewer for their decision.

Typists sought for competition

First-place winner of the fourth annual Fastest Fingers in the Peninsula typing contest to be held at Niagara College April 11 will receive an Olympia word processor electronic typewriter valued at $425, courtesy of St. Catharines Business Machines.

The competition is open to all residents in the Niagara Region. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded to winners in each of the three categories.

More than 80 people entered the competition last year, Christine Berkhout, office administration program co-ordinator at the college, said.

"There is more response to the contest this year, especially from the high schools."

Second-place winners will receive $50 gift certificates from McGraw-Hill Ryerson Publishers and video game software packages from the college.

Third-place winners will receive $25 in cash courtesy of the Welland Centennial Chapter, Professional Secretaries International and a Niagara College 25th anniversary sweatshirt.

The three categories include Grades 9 and10, Grades 11 and 12 and general public/post-secondary.

The high school with the most competitors in each category will receive a spirit award.

Interested students may use the typewriters for practice in the MacKenzie building at the Welland campus during the college's Open House on Sunday, April 5, Ms. Berkhout said.

For more information, students may telephone Christine Berkhout at Ext. 7690.

To help you fill out your income tax return

Extended hours

From February 24 to April 30, we offer an "after hours" phone service from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

You can also call T.I.P.S. Info-Tax, our automated phone service, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for recorded information on selected topics.

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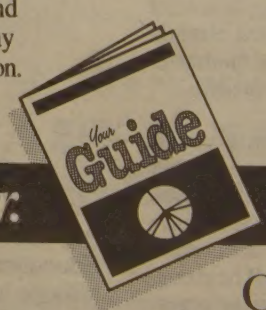
Make sure your return is not delayed

Lots of people fill out their tax return with great care, only to miss details that can make all the difference. For example, if your address is incomplete or incorrect, your refund could be delayed or sent to the wrong place.

If you will be moving, write the new address on your return, or if you don't know it yet, please call us to let us know as soon as you can so we can update your file.

Another important detail is attaching all the slips and receipts that support your claims for credits and deductions. If any are missing, your return may get held up while we contact you for the information.



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Colleges unite, staff share expertise in speakers bureau

By ABIGAIL KELLY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Speakers' Bureau may be revived.

Ed Wilson, professional development co-ordinator, is compiling a list of staff members interested in sharing their expertise at presentations at Niagara College and other community colleges.

In co-operation with Mohawk College in Hamilton, Niagara Community College and Erie Community College in western New York, the college will share speakers, presenters and faciliators for professional development events.

Previously, the Speakers' Bureau operated on a limited basis with Niagara College's Marketing and Communications department responding to individual requests.

The college's Marketing and Communications department aims to create a list of individuals with expertise in specific areas to comment on current issues or trends as well as to lecture at speaking engagements. The department will act as a liaison matching requests with available staff.

Regional service clubs, professional organizations and social groups will be able to request speakers knowledgeable on college-related subjects.

Interested staff members can submit brief descriptions of themselves and their seminar topics to Mr. Wilson by March 30.

If staff members wish to be listed in the Speakers' Bureau brochure, they can contact Jean Vandenbelt in Marketing and Communications department by March 27.

Students party in Daytona

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

More than 240 Niagara College students enjoyed the sun and fun by celebrating March Break in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Five buses of partygoers left from the college to meet thousands of other vacationers during Daytona Beach's Bike Week. After a 30-hour bus ride, the students arrived at the Florida Palm's Hotel on the beach, where the party began. Inside the hotel, Ricki's Bar provided constant activities which lasted all week. Activities ranged from wet T-shirt contests to Toga parties.

"Everybody had a good time, if they wanted to have a good time," said 21-year-old Shane Forsyth, a business sales student.

During the day, people could lounge around two pools at the hotel, or walk down the stairs to a white sandy beach where they could rent surf boards and motor bikes for the day. Few people went off the hotel premises during the day because everything was provided for them.

A reggae band called Addis stayed at the hotel all week and played every afternoon by the pool. Drink specials from shots of Sex on the Beach for $1 to all-you-can-drink draught beer for $5 lured the students to participate in the fun provided by the hotel.

"Drinking contests, men's wet bathing suit contests, belly-flop contests, and women's bikini contests kept all smiling and having a good time," said 22-year-old Ronya Ripenburg, a general college student.

Daytona Beach was filled with vacationers and the constant roar of Harley Davidson motorbikes running up and down the streets. Most restaurants had all you-can-eat-and-drink buffet specials between $5 and $10, depending on the restaurant.

It rained on the last day of vacation, but otherwise the Niagara College students enjoyed hot and sunny weather. After another 30-hour bus ride, the students arrived in Welland on March 8.

Horticultural open house signals spring's arrival

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

The annual open house at the college's Horticultural Centre generally means spring is just around the corner.

The school has sponsored an open house on the third weekend of March for the last 23 of 24 years, excluding the year of construction on the library.

The St. Catharines centre opened its doors last weekend to the public to show off student-made displays and sell plants.

Although preparations began last fall, display construction went into full swing during the last two week. Classes were cancelled so the first-year horticultural technician students could work full-time on their designs.

"We had to plant bulbs in pots last fall for the daffodils and tulips," said program co-ordinator Thomas Ball.

"They spend time on design principals but this gives them a chance to see ideas on paper turned into reality," said landscape instructor Peter Thompstone. "They should be proud of their efforts."

Mr. Thompstone said he sees an improvement in the students' attitudes after the show because they see what they can accomplish.

All 45 students participating from the horticultural technician program were first-year students because second-year students were on their co-op term, he said. Displays made by several landscape design students used dramatic lighting and various landscape stones.

Members of the public wandered through rooms and greenhouses observing the gardens and reading information displays. Presentations on environmental issues were also set up in the library. Students greeted and answered questions.

Many left with plants, such as tulips, regal geraniums, or klanchas, in full bloom. Mr. Ball said the money will be used to purchase equipment the students would otherwise be unable to afford, especially in these difficult economic times.

"We bought the fountains with the extra money, and we like to purchase plants and bushes to adorn the college property," he said.

After a day off last Monday to clean up, regular classes resumed Tuesday.

The plotter is here!

The college's student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers proudly announces the arrival of the Hewlett-Packard Draftpro DXL plotter. Executive members, from left to right, Joe Stafford, Marilynne Box and Herb Hill show off the new addition to the IEEE room in L-12 , which is valued at $4,500. The plotter produces high quality electrical and mechanical diagrams and graphics in eight different colors. IEEE Region 7 (Canada) donated 70 per cent of the purchase price. The remaining amount was raised by the IEEE student branch through pop, coffee and electronic kit sales.

Photo by Cathy Watt

Bowl-A-Rama scored excellent results

About 20 students from the Educational Resource and Special Needs program who went for strikes were bowled over with the results.

A class fundraising event to help Big Brothers (Niagara South) knocked down hundreds of pins to bring in valuable dollars.

The students raised more than $1,000 in pledges following a two-game afternoon of bowling Feb. 8 at Welland's Bowl-A-Rama.

Big Brothers director Greg Whelan accepted the cheque at the college on Feb. 28 from ERSN instructor Judy Fleming in a brief ceremony that included Brenda Benner, the top student fundraiser who collected $196 in pledges.

Mr. Whelan said this year's Bowling for Millions was another "big success." This is the eighth year in a row ERSN students have raised money for the association. He said the students will be recognized for their efforts at a get-together later this month.

Big Brothers were big winners Feb. 28, receiving over $1,000 raised by Niagara College Educational Resources and Special Needs program students in the 8th annual Bowling for Millions fundraiser held Feb. 8. From left are Darren Lavere, Big Brothers director Greg Whelan, student Brenda Benner and student Judy Fleming.

Photo by Doug Morton

First health workshop for breast cancer

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

The Welland unit of the Canadian Cancer Society will host its first health workshop on the early detection of breast cancer at Niagara College's Welland campus on Saturday, March 28.

Dr. Janice Giesbrecht of St. Catharines and Dr. Richard Railton of Welland will be members of a panel answering questions and responding to any concerns about this issue. The workshop begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Room.

Susan LeBlanc, unit co-ordinator for Welland, said this will be the first time the Welland branch has presented a health seminar with guest speakers and presentations

More information is available from the Canadian Cancer Society, Welland branch, at 732-3770.

Sports

Niagara Knights basketball players Rick Sinclair, left, and Paul Weller were named to the Ontario Colleges Division Two league all-star first team at the final four play offs in Kingston, Feb. 21-22. Weller was also awarded for capturing the league top-scoring title, and Sinclair was named to the play-off all-star team.

Photo by Jason Darrah

Sports winners dinner March 31

Niagara College's athletes honored with special dinner

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Niagara College's 23rd annual athletic banquet and awards night is set for Tuesday, March 31, at the Ameri-Cana Hotel, 8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by an awards presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Awards will be handed out for male and female athlete of the year, freshman athlete of the year, and most valuable player of the year.

The following intercollegiate players are invited to attend:

GOLF TEAM: Ric Carbone, Scott Currie, Dave Morris, Chris Wilson

BADMINTON TEAM: Sean Ellis, Wayne Mittlestead, Wain Larivee, Kelly Rutherford, Michelle Hall, Charles Crumm, Greg Stewart, Steve Pearce, Barry Wills, Mark Lindsay

TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM: Rick Bisson, Ron Bonaldo, Joel Campbell, Roger Coutu, Sean Ellis, Mark Gervasio, Winston Gross, Paul Humphrey, Jason Kish, Shawn McCart, Jason Metcalf, John Nicholson

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Belinda Rose, Cheryl Colyn, Sheryl Tremblay, Joanne Cuttriss, Beth Miller, Elsie Waaruszcak, Lisa Duquette, Nicole Grenier, Shelli Palko, Sue DenBesten, Tracy Suenaga

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Knights struck down by Lancers

Basketball team loses championship

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

A disillusioned Niagara Knights men's basketball team returned from the Ontario College Division Two playoffs in Kingston last month without a medal.

After an outstanding 10-win, three-loss season which saw the team end in first place in the Western conference, the Knights lost both games in the Feb. 21-22 final four showdown.

The Niagara College hoopsters went to Kingston with the gold medal on their minds, but when they were upset by Sarnia's Lambton College in the first game - an overtime nailbiter - they lost their enthusiasm for the bronze.

In addition to losing the gold medal, Niagara was matched against league leading Loyalist College Lancers from Belleville in the bronze game. The Lancers were also upset in their first match and had more at stake to salvage their admirable one-loss season.

Making matters worse, Niagara's Paul Weller, the league's scoring leader and voted to the league's first all-star team, was sidelined with an arm injury for the final game.

In the bronze medal game the Lancers took the hardware in an uninspired 81-67 victory, but the Knights were no pushover. They outran the Lancers in the first half, giving Niagara a 36-30 lead going into the last 20 minutes.

The second half saw the Lancers take control and the Knights get tired. With under 10 minutes left on the clock, Niagara was frustrated by seven consecutive possessions without registering a point. Meanwhile, the Lancers couldn't miss if they tried.

After a series of questionable calls against Niagara and the Lancers' successful free-throws, Loyalist College put the game out of reach.

Knights' guard Rick Sinclair, with 22 points in the Lancer game, and named a tournament all-star as well as a league first all-star team member, stated: "We went cold. We had an emotional game last night and we got tired (today) mentally."

Regarding the numerous fouls in the Lancers' favor, Rick said "the ref made too many mistakes. In this type of game you want the players to decide it and in this game the ref played a role in deciding the outcome."

In the first game of the playoffs - a game the Niagara squad, the Lambton Lions and the anxious spectators won't forget in a long time - the closely matched teams exchanged the lead several times and the point spread never grew more than seven points.

It came down to the last 45 seconds of overtime for Lambton to steal the 95-93 victory.

"It was a straight even game. Both teams played to the best of their ability and they came up with the extra two points," said Niagara coach Todd Stevens.

"When you're in overtime and you're almost at the 100-point mark and there's a two-point swing and you have a last chance to score with two seconds left - it can't be better than that," said Niagara assistant coach Jim Marando, adding "we came up on the short end of foul trouble and that led to our demise."

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Sports

Curlers capture gold

For the first time in 20 years, the Niagara College mixed curling team has won a gold medal. The team recently competed in the Ontario College's Athletic Association championships held in Thunder Bay. Niagara lost its first match to home town college team Confederation, 9-5. They went on to beat Canadore 11-2, Fanshawe 6-4, Georgian 9-4 and Cambrian 5-4. Team members are, front row from left, Tracey Niesen, vice; Leanne Lottridge, lead. Back row from left, Bill Bender, coach; Jason Berger, second; Mike Smith, skip; Bob Young, manager.

Photo by Jason Darrah

All-Star hockey honors

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Niagara College is once again the champion of the International Collegiate Hockey League for the third year in a row.

Niagara defeated the Buffalo State Bengals 5-3 in Buffalo, N. Y. on March 15.

Besides the team's win, Niagara had three players in the ICHL top 15 scorers, including Jim Thorpe, 36 points; Jason Disher, 35 points; and Rick Ryan, 27 points

Disher and Mike Duerden were the lone Knights' representatives named to the 1991-92 ICHL All-Star teams.

Disher was voted as the top centre on the first All-Star team. He attributed his success to his two wingers Thorpe and Ryan.

"I played on a good line that clicked all season," he said.

Duerden was chosen to play defence on the first All-Star team.

"I was surprised to be chosen," he said.

Also named to the first All-Star team were: Chris Economou, Buffalo State; Geoff Martha, Penn State; Micheal Messner, Penn State; Andy McLaughlin, Penn State and Brian Busch, Buffalo State.

The second All-Star team included: Andy Dumas, Penn State; Jim Morgan, Conestoga; Kyle Braun, Erie; Joe Maly, Erie; Shawn Wright, Conestoga; Ross Cowan, Penn State; Regis Morrale, Buffalo State and Dave Murphy, Penn State.

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By SHERI HAMILTON
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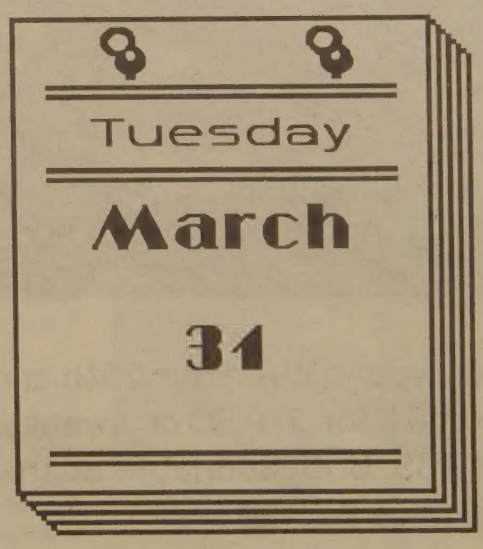

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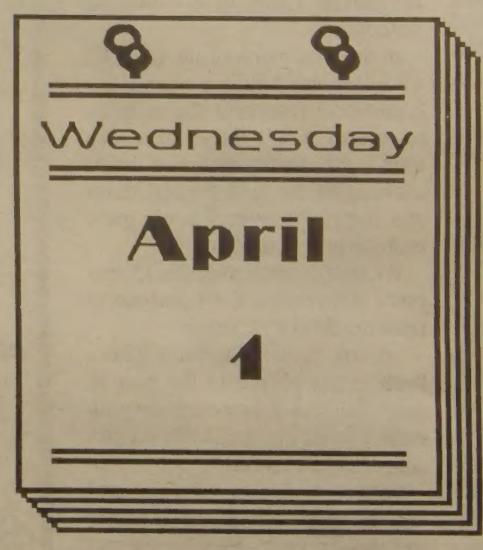

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Men's volleyball squad captures bronze in final

Injuries, illness hinder high hopes

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Ray Sarkis and his Niagara College men's volleyball team had one goal heading into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Division Two final. It was to come home with a silver medal.

The team competed in the tournament, hosted by Kitchener's Conestoga College, Feb. 21 and 22.

Regular season action saw Niagara finish in fifth place as they were matched up with second place Canadore College from North Bay — and third place Algonquin College from Ottawa — in round robin matches Feb. 21.

After a one-year absence from the playoffs, Niagara was forced to play with injuries and illness to key players. These factors hurt Niagara, although the team ended with a bronze medal, finishing third in the tournament.

'We were missing two of our best players,' coach Ray Sarkis said

With only seven players to work with, Niagara coach Ray Sarkis was pleased with the team's outcome. "We were missing two of our best players due to injuries (Brent Roszell and Marc Laneuville), and Fernando (Colavecchia) was sick with stomach and flu problems," he said. "It would have made a big difference if those guys were in top form."

In the first match of the tournament, Niagara faced Algonquin in the best-of-five wins match. Momentum was on the side of the Ottawa-based college as they easily defeated the Knights in the first game 15-10. In the second game, Algonquin jumped ahead once again by an 8-3 score. Niagara rallied for six straight points on six kills by Greg Heyder to take an advantage, and capture the game 15-9.

Algonquin quickly extinguished Niagara's spark in the third game to take a 15-5 win, but Niagara rebounded in the fourth game to grab a 15-3 victory and force a fifth and deciding game.

With the score tied 6-6, Niagara broke loose for seven straight points to go up 13-6. Algonquin forced its way back into the game by gaining five points, but Niagara came out on top 15-13. Niagara's Jim Konrad was outstanding offensively with 14 kills while Greg Heyder added 12. Defensively, Heyder successfully made six stuffed blocks while Dave Beauchamp added four.

Following a 45-minute layoff, Niagara played second-place Canadore College. Earlier in the day, Canadore fell victim to Algonquin, but was fortunate to have a two-hour rest period before facing the Knights. Coach Sarkis said Canadore's break "did them more harm than good."

This match was crucial to Canadore as elimination was breathing down their necks. Niagara's offence and defence controlled the nets in the first game. Heyder and Fernando Colavecchia led the Knights with six spikes to give Niagara a 15-12 win. The second game, Canadore hitters showed frustration as they unsuccessfully attempted to hit over and around Niagara's blockers, resulting in a 15-9 Niagara win.

Niagara blockers frustrate Canadore hitters

Canadore's offensive and defensive blunders cost them their playoff lives as Niagara won the game 15-12 and the match in three straight games.

Colavecchia, Konrad and Todd Johnston led the Knights' offense with four kills each in the final game. For the match. Colavecchia led the team with 12 kills, Konrad had 10 and Heyder added nine.

On Feb. 22, Niagara headed into the semi-finals knowing a tough Conestoga College team was waiting in the wings.

"I sensed something in the air that the chemistry was not there," coach Sarkis said. "It just wasn't the same team as the night before."

These words held true as Niagara was quickly defeated in three straight games by the host team.

In the first game, Niagara could not recover from an early Conestoga lead as they lost 15-7. The second game saw the Knights build a 12-1 lead, but unforced errors allowed Conestoga back into the game as they rebounded for a 15-12 win.

Fatigue began to hit the Niagara squad, but with only seven players for coach Sarkis to work with, the exhausted and frustrated Knights carried on for the third game, which they lost 15-7. Offensively, Colavecchia led the team with 10 kills, and Dan Tiessen had six. The match loss qualified Niagara to meet Algonquin in the bronze medal match.

"By this time, we were emotionally down and physically drained," coach Sarkis said. "But we got our act together and followed our game."

Derogatory slurs spark determined Niagara team

Algonquin was quick on their feet to win the first game 15-2. In the second game, with the score deadlocked 6-6, the Algonquin coach and players cracked a derogatory comment towards the Niagara bench. This scene sparked the Knights offence as they buried their opposition in the second and third games by scores of 15-9 and 15-9 to take a two games to one lead.

The two teams traded leads early in the fourth game, but with Algonquin leading 14-11, the Knights gained control of the serve on a kill by Mark Lindsay. Colavecchia stuffed one spike attempt for one point. He and Lindsay combined for four consecutive kills to give Niagara the win and bronze medal.

Overall, coach Sarkis was satisifed with the team's performance during the weekend tournament. "I know if it wasn't for our key injuries, we could have made it to the gold medal round," he said. "It would have been hard to beat Cambrian (gold medal winners) with only six or seven guys, but with a full bench we could have had a shot."

The Niagara College men's soccer team takes a breather after Tuseday night's 6-4 win over visiting Beamsville at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome. Pictured at top, left to right, are Michael Timpano, Kieran Freer, Rob Lenik, Bernie Snjegotinac, Remo Ianiero, Mark Greco, Frank Serra, and coach Steve Celestini. Bottom, left to right, are Dave Paladino, Sal Iamarino, Adam Thomas, Joe Abbruscato, Jim Thorpe, and Lee Mooney.

Photo by Kari Chwieczak

Men's soccer team has winning ways as season winds down

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's soccer team is defeating their opponents with relative ease as the team nears the end of the regular season schedule.

In Men's B Division action Tuesday night, Niagara scored a 6-4 victory over visiting Beamsville at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

Beamsville played with six players on the field, but they made a confident Niagara team look nervous throughout the game.

"We got an early lead, but we started to play around with them instead of being serious," said Niagara coach Steve Celestini. "We knew we had the game, so the guys relaxed and they almost caught us."

Niagara netminder Adam Thomas was off-balance for much of the game resulting in four relatively easy goals for Beamsville.

Niagara scorers were Kieran Freer, Remo Ianiero, Rob Lenik, Dave Paladino, Bernie Snjegotinac, and Sal Iamarino.

A fired-up Niagara squad set a record for yellow cards, a warning from the referee for unsportsmanship, with three handed out to Lenik, Iamarino, and Frank Serra.

Meanwhile, the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regional finals did not prove to be a tough challenge for the Niagara College men's indoor soccer team.

The team competed in the tournament March 7 and 8 at Sudbury's Cambrian College. Niagara ended the tournament with one win, one loss, and three ties, finishing fourth among the six competing teams, which included Cambrian, Confederation, Northern, Conestoga and Lambton.

Despite only 10 players available for the trip because of prolonged injuries to key players, Niagara played a good tournament.

Niagara faced Sarnia's Lambton College in the first game and took and early 2-1 lead on goals by Paladino and Freer, but Lambton tied the match in the last 15 seconds for a 2-2 final.

Niagara rolled over Kirkland Lake's Northern College in the next game. Michael Timpano scored three goals while playing before about 20 members of his family and friends from the Sudbury area. Niagara singles went to Ianiero and Lenik.

In the fourth game, Niagara went up against first place Conestoga College. Conestoga proved too powerful for the Knights, defeating them 2-1. Ianiero scored Niagara's lone goal.

Conestoga headed into the weekend with 16 players, but were left with six by day two because of a bar room brawl resulting in multiple arrests.

Niagara's Dave Paladino injured his leg in the third game against Confederation College, but returned for the final game.

Lady luck was not riding with the Knights in the fifth game against Cambrian College as every shot hit the post, resulting in a scoreless tie. Netminder Adam Thomas was outstanding throughout the tournament.

The top three teams in Region I and Region II will advance to the OCAA finals to be held March 27 and 28 at Conestoga College in Kitchener.

Niagara hosted Sardegna March 10 in Men's B Division play with a convincing 5-3 victory. Niagara goals went to Iamarino, Snjegotinac and Lenik. Jim Thorpe replaced Niagara netminder Thomas when Thomas did not show up for the scheduled 6 p.m. start. "Adam didn't know the schedule, and he showed up for a 7 p.m. game," coach Celestini said.

On March 3, Niagara squared off against visiting Brock University in a game resulting in a 3-3 deadlock.

Niagara's record is 2-1-2. Niagara's next action will be Tuesday night against Italia. Game time at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome is 8 p.m.

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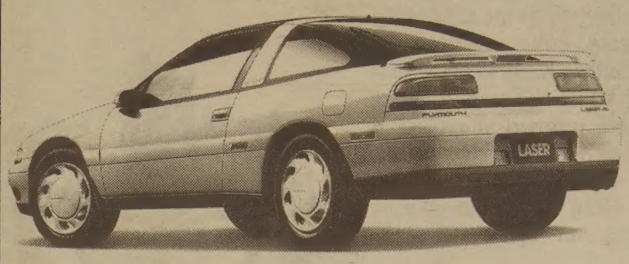

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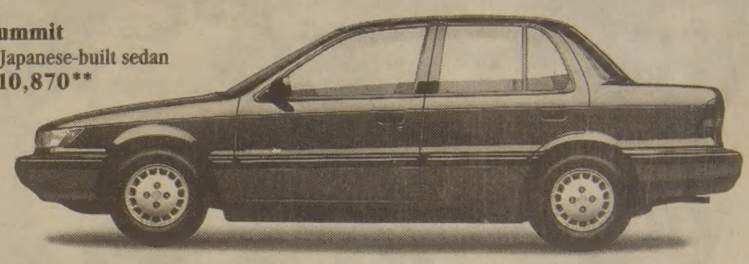

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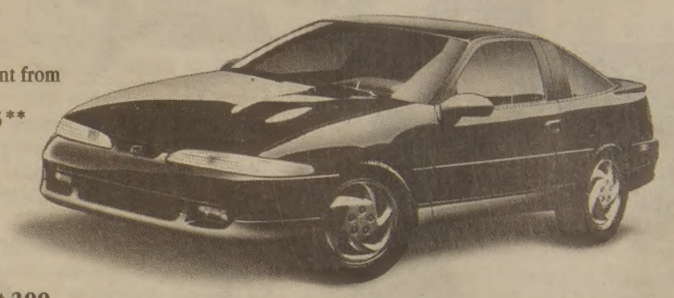

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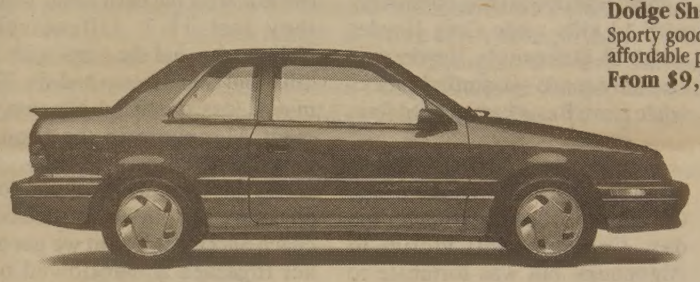

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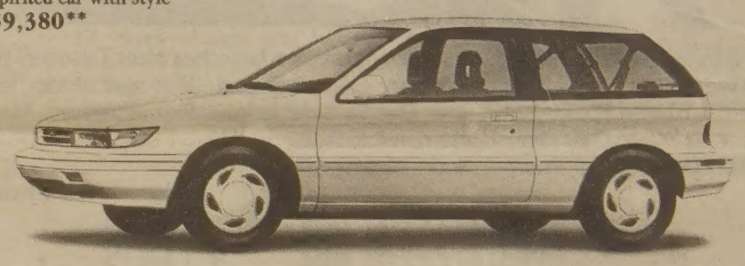

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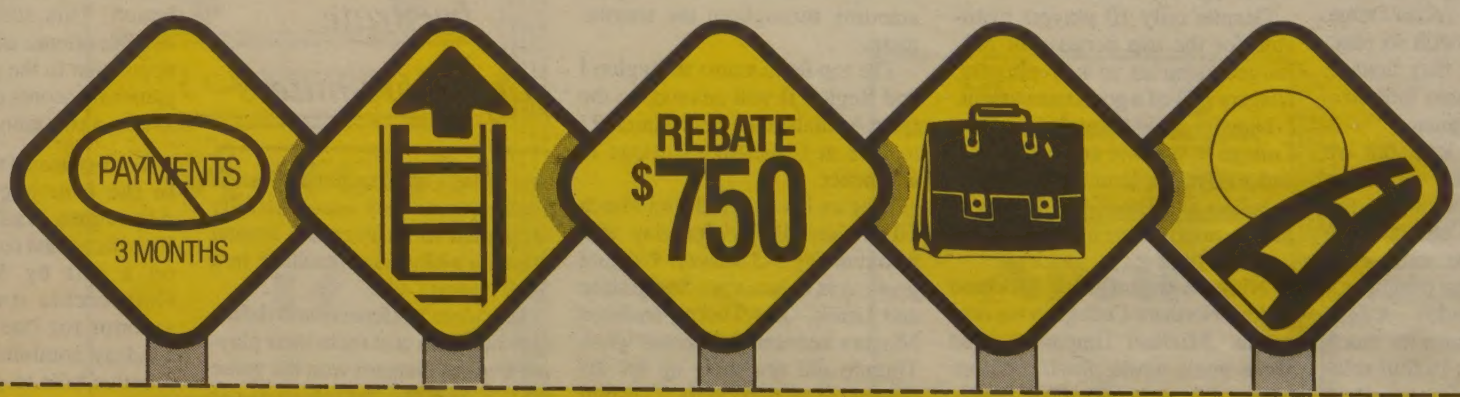

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